

Decatur May Place Its Three-I Franchise On Sale—Many Offers For Cubs

DECATUR MAY NOT STAY IN THREE-I

Team's Financial Condition Is Poor and Franchise May Be Placed on Market.

Decatur, Ill., Feb. 24.—Decatur's prospects for a baseball team this coming season is not as bright, according to the story given out here. Many of the men who have been interested in baseball in the past and who have promised to be identified with the game in Decatur this coming season have been laying back, thinking that the "Big Chief" in baseball in Decatur for many years, would take hold and put a team in the field. This he positively refuses to do and he has made his final declaration on this subject. It is up to other persons to become active and try and place Decatur on the baseball map.

At present there are 19 players on the local roster and most of the players are as good as any in the Three-I league. With George M. Reed as manager and a good sound business man behind the game, there is no doubt but that Decatur will be up with the leading teams of the league. There is money to be made in baseball in Decatur, for as far as the past financial condition of the club is concerned, it is in the best shape that it has ever been in. The old debt will be squared, but money is needed to finance the club for the coming season and until this money is obtained the prospects are far from being bright.

It is possible for the team to go on another season with a little money and get in a position to be a paying proposition or at least not a loser. It is believed there are surely enough lovers of the National game who will come to the rescue now and keep Decatur up with the other large cities of this state. However, until they see no baseball in Decatur, Rock Island is not after baseball and they would no doubt grab off the local franchise in a minute. It is to be hoped that enough business men who are interested in good clean sport will come in at once and see that the club will have enough money to start right and go through the season.

START SOUTH THURSDAY

New York Squad Will Pick Up Players at Cincinnati.

New York, Feb. 24.—Plans for assembling the New York American league club's players at the Texas training camp were announced last night. Next Thursday the vanguard of the team will leave here for Houston. Arthur Irwin, Mike Bergen, and Trainer Charles Barrett will be in charge of the party, which will include Malsel, Fisher, Eschen, Ruddy and Quinn.

At Cincinnati on Friday Irwin will pick up Peckinpaugh, Gilhooley, Walsh, Chance, Gossett, Rogers, White, Reese, Brown, Sullivan and Walter Hutchinson, the left handed pitcher signed by Frank Chance on the recommendation of the former Cub twirler, Jack Taylor, who had the youngster with him in Nelsonville, O., last season.

The contingent of pitchers now at Hot Springs, led by Coach Tom Daly, will arrive in Houston about the same time as the small squad. Frank Chance will be there Sunday morning to receive the players.

STAUDUHR NEW HEAD OF ROCK ISLAND ATHLETICS

At a meeting of the Rock Island Athletic club last evening Peter P. Stauduhr was elected president to succeed W. H. Moseley, who has resigned to take up his residence at Wilmo, Ark. Claude Klipp was chosen treasurer to succeed Mr. Stauduhr, whose resignation was made necessary by his elevation to the head of the club. The meeting was held at the Stauduhr home, 108 Twenty-first street. The new president called a special meeting at the home of Robert Ackley, 847 Twenty-first street, to arrange for a dance. The club now has nearly 20 members.

BROOKLYN FEDS ARE AFTER JAKE STAHL



Robert B. Ward (top) and Jake Stahl.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 24.—The calling of the men behind the new Brooklyn Federal league club seems to insure its success. The "dough bag" of the club is Robert M. Ward, a millionaire business man, who is prepared to spend a lot of money to make the Brooklyn Fed a success.

John M. Ward, secretary and business manager of the local Fed team, has announced that the Fed will not conflict with the Brooklyn Nationals. "There is no use of playing against the Dodgers when we can just as well play in Brooklyn while the other Brooklyn team is on the road. During the Brotherhood war there were many conflicting dates in the circuits, with the result that the fans became disgusted with both factions and remained away from both ball parks."

There may be a few conflicting dates with the other Brooklyn club during the early part of the season, but these will be unavoidable because of the time it will take to build the grandstand at Washington park. Work on this will begin in a few days. Secretary Ward admitted that no manager had been engaged for the team as yet. He said this will take place in a short time.

"The manager who will lead the Brooklyn team will be a man of experience, who has been a leader in a major league," he said.

It is believed that the man Ward has in mind is Jake Stahl, former manager of the Boston Red Sox and now a banker in Chicago.

KLOVE'S BOWLERS ARE DOWNED BY MUSKIES

Klove's Colts journeyed to Muskegon last evening, where they met defeat at the hands of the Commercial club bowlers on the latter's alleys. The locals started out strong, the strain of rolling on strange alleys soon began to tell. The locals lost by a margin of about 250 pins. Klove plans revenge for the defeat, when the Muskegon five will meet the locals in a match game here March 8. Another match game will be rolled Friday, Feb. 27, when the Colts meet Aldeo in a return game, at the Harms' alleys. Several weeks ago the Colts defeated the Aldeo quintet by 150 pins.

HANK O'DAY WILL REMAIN CUB BOSS

Receives Gladsome News at Tampa Following Ousting of Charles Murphy.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 24.—Manager Hank O'Day received gladsome news yesterday. It came in the form of a telegram which stated that he was to be retained as manager of the Cubs regardless of the change of ownership of the Chicago club.

The telegram was sent by Secretary Thomas, and was to the effect that Charles P. Taft had authorized Thomas to inform O'Day that the latter's contract as manager would hold good and that the new manager was to continue his work just as if nothing had happened. While O'Day had not worried to any great extent, the telegram cleared the situation of all doubt as to where he stands, and he was glad to hear from the club owner.

O'Day sprung a surprise on his athletes last night by announcing that a five inning practice game would take place today between two picked teams.

NORTHERN TEAM GETS TROUNCING

Augustana Easily Defeats Gustavus Adolphus in First of Two Basketball Games.

Minnesota's last year's champions were vanquished last night by Augustana college in one of the fastest basketball contests seen in the local gymnasium this season. When the smoke of the battle cleared away it was found that the aspirants for the Illinois title this year had tucked the fight away by a score of 31 to 8.

The Minnesota team was strong in passing the ball. Some of the fastest team work seen here this year was pulled off by the G. A. men. In basket shooting, however, they fell down woefully, although they had several opportunities of scoring at long range. Luck seemed to be against the northerners. Time and again the ball would hit the ring of the basket or roll within the circle, only to bounce out again.

In the first half the Minnesota team was unable to make a single field basket, the only score secured being a lone foul throw.

In the recent tournament at St. Peter, Minn., between the two teams, Augustana won the first game 25 to 24. The second one went to Gustavus Adolphus, however, by a score of 17 to 10. The two teams meet again tonight, when Augustana will try to make it three out of four games for the year's series.

The lineup: Augustana—Sten and Anderson, forwards; Swedberg, center; Berg and Hultgren, guards. Gustavus Adolphus—Mead and Anderson, forwards; Lundquist, center; Daehn, Peterson and Lundholm, guards.

Field goals—Sten 5, Anderson 7, Swedberg 1, Anderson 1, Lundquist 2. Foul goals—Sten 3 out of 7 attempts, Mead 1 out of 2 attempts.

Referee—Kellogg of Iowa City. Score—Kempke. Timekeeper—Benzon.

DAVENPORT ATHLETICS

LEAGUE STANDINGS.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Locomotive Works	3	0	1.000
Arsenal	2	0	1.000
Tri-City Button Co.	2	1	.666
Gordon & Van Tine	1	2	.333
Bettendorf	0	3	.000
Foundry & Machine Co.	0	3	.000

Results of Games.

Arsenal vs. Foundry & Machine Co. Forfeit to Arsenal.

Locomotive Works, 18; Gordon & Van Tine, 4.

Tri-City Button Co., 16; Bettendorf Shops, 10.

No change resulted in the standings of the leading clubs in the National league of the City Indoor Baseball association as a result of the games Saturday night on the Y. M. C. A. floor. The Locomotive Works won from Gordon & Van Tine by a score of 18 to 4 and the Foundry & Machine Co. forfeited to the Arsenal.

The Tri-City Button Co. and the Bettendorf Shops played the best game of the series. The button cutters won 16 to 10 with two handshakes of seven scores each in the first two innings.

Following are the players of the various teams:

Arsenal—Alger, King, Rosenbaum, Dredfield, Werthmann, Thomas, Alex. Boetcher and Bette.

Locomotive Works—Fulbe, T. Powers, H. Powers, J. Spiegel, Bell, LeClaire Spiegel, Case and Ott.

Gordon & Van Tine—Schultz, Swisher, Slabey, Hearn, Daasch, Buster, Paul, Moore and Williams.

Bettendorf—Bauer, Jungbluth, Foster, Peterson, Cook, Lemmon, Hengot, Lilly and Crouse.

Tri-City Button Co.—Behn, Goode, Bixler, Mellus, O'Brien, Hussett, Mellus, Behn and Schowens.

Basketball League.

Following are the results of the Saturday night games in the Sunday School League Basketball league of the "Y."

St. Paul's Catholic, 10; St. John's Methodist, 1.

Hail to the Scrapper's Manager! Quick at Figures



Perhaps of all sporting persons the fighter's manager comes in for the least encomium and pleasant comment on the sport page. This is not as it should be. The managers of our most prominent scrappers are hard working and deserving little guys. They work untiringly for the success and promotion of their charges. And what do they get out of it? Very little at all except a fat percentage.

It must not be thought that any ordinary dub can be a manager. A fighter's manager must be a man of intelligence and education, a shrewd, keen-witted man and a good mixer. He must be able to talk convincingly and wear neat but not gaudy garb. Jimmy Dunn, Johnny Kilbane's manager, is one of the neatest dresser in the managing profession. While in New York shortly after Kilbane won the belt, all who saw Jimmy Dunn remarked that a nice appearance he made. He is especially fond of apricot shades with a stripe or check of green in them. Seldom if ever will the entire suit contain the complete pattern.

It is when a manager matches his wits with a promoter in arranging for a bout that the call is made on his intelligence. Frequently when the discussion of the purse is at hand it is found necessary for a manager to have a good head for figures. He must know how to count or he may lose out in the articles. Then, too, he must know how to add.

One of the chief requisites of the fighter's manager, however, is oratory or eloquence. When a manager has a fighter he wants to push along he often calls on the sporting editor and

GRAPPLERS ARE READY FOR BOUT

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 24.—Both Charley Cutler and Gustav Friskensky will battle through the ropes for their mat in the Coliseum tonight supreme confident of victory. Each took a light workout yesterday as final preparation and each declared himself in perfect condition.

Wrestling fans have found it a difficult task to pick a probable winner. The rival grapplers are about equal in weight. Cutler may have an advantage of three or four pounds, but the margin is of little importance in a match in which both contestants tip the beam around the 240 pound mark.

Friskensky undoubtedly is one of the strongest men that ever entered a ring for a mat clash. The ease with which he tossed about such men as Americans and Samson was a revelation to local fans. The Bohemian says he never has lost a wrestling match at the catch-as-catch-can style, but in Cutler he will meet probably the best "trial horse" in America.

The showing of Friskensky in previous bouts here has stirred Cutler to train much harder than is his custom and if the foreigner can beat the local grappler there will be only Zhyzsko left between him and a possible clash with Frank Gotch for the world's title. Raoul de Rouen, the "Roughhouse" Frenchman, who roused the wrath of police officials by his tactics in bouts here some time ago, will appear in the semi-windup with Paul Samson as his opponent. Frank Dalkus, who was slated to tackle Bill Hottel in the preliminary, injured himself in training and a substitute match will replace the original bout carded.

PLANK ACCEPTS TERMS

Veteran Southpaw Agrees to Report at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 24.—Eddie Plank, the veteran pitcher of the Philadelphia American league team, yesterday accepted Manager Mack's terms. He agreed to join the squad which will leave here March 7 for Jacksonville, Fla., the Athletics' spring training camp.

Loss of Appetite.

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Romoranin, France—Miss Charlotte Herman, charged with aiding Ferdinand Pinney Earle, American painter, in kidnapping his son from a French school, arrived from Norway, where the pair was arrested. She was given a hearing before an examining magistrate.

SYNDICATES MAKE OFFERS FOR CUBS

Taft Will Have No Trouble in Disposing of Chicago Nationals.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 24.—If reports circulated yesterday are true, Charles P. Taft will have no trouble in finding some one to take the Chicago National league baseball club off his hands. Indications are that he will get out with a handsome profit, even if he did have to pay over \$500,000 for Charles W. Murphy's 53 per cent of the stock last Saturday.

A local syndicate, represented by Attorney Louis J. Behan, yesterday telegraphed an offer of \$700,000 to Mr. Taft for 51 per cent of the stock, and according to the attorney the syndicate is prepared to pay more than \$1,000,000 for the entire stock, meaning only the franchise and players.

The figures were so large that baseball men in Chicago refused to believe the offer was made in good faith, but Attorney Behan last night announced positively that such an offer had been made and followed by saying he had received a reply from Mr. Taft asking him to come to Cincinnati for a conference. Behan will leave tomorrow morning and will meet Mr. Taft late in the afternoon. He will have with him a certified check for \$100,000 to post as first payment if the offer is accepted.

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FEDERAL INCOME TAX FORMS

For the Return of Annual Net Incomes of Individuals

The government has just issued Form No. 1040, which every citizen or resident of the United States with an income of \$3,000 per year or over will be required to fill out and file with the Internal Revenue Collector on or before March 1st next, covering the statement of his or her income for the period between March 1st and December 31st, 1913.

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